

Bethel Rolls Over Waynesville Twice; Mountainettes, Off Form, Drop First

By BOB CONWAY
Getting into the spirit of the occasion Friday night as Bethel opened its new gymnasium, both of Waynesville High's basketball squads did their bit by helping to provide the host teams with two victories — both by sizeable margins.

Ordinarily excellent marksmen, the Waynesville Mountaineers couldn't find the range all night and went down to their first defeat, 52-38, at the hands of the Belles.

The boys' game was equally saddening for Waynesville fans as the Mountaineers absorbed their third straight setback of the season — losing 48-29 to the fast-moving Blue Demons. On the day of the game, the Waynesville girls were rated the top sextet in Western North Carolina, but the Mountainettes played deep-freeze ball all evening on the new Pigeon hardwood.

Missing badly, the mountain maidens got only two field goals in the first quarter and trailed 14-4 at the end of the period. Before they were able to get back into the ball game, the Belles hoisted the count to 20-4 midway in the second quarter.

Waynesville cut the margin to only nine points at 23-14 at half-time and to only seven points at the beginning of the third quarter. It was about that time when Bethel's tall blonde forward, Shirley Poston, started dropping in goals from under the basket and the Belles soon put the game beyond reach.

The Waynesville girls' inability to hit from the foul line also hurt their cause considerably. With 24 chances, they missed 18.

Poor passing, such as the long tosses which were continually intercepted by the Belles, and tight guarding by the BHS guards also led to Waynesville's downfall.

Agner Roberson led the Mountainettes with 15 points, while Tulan Carver tallied 14. Shirley Poston dunked in 25 for Bethel, as Peggy Edwards, slowed by illness, hit 16.

In the boys game, the Mountaineers actually led until midway in

Husband-Wife Teams Star In Strand Musical

Two husband-and-wife teams and a brother act add song-and-dance high spots to the wealth of entertainment offered in M-G-M's spectacular new color musical, "Deep In My Heart," inspired by the life of Broadway's famed composer, Sigmund Romberg, which opens at the Strand Theatre Sunday and continues through Tuesday.

Jose Ferrer has the picture's major acting assignment in his role as Romberg, but the story's varied production numbers also includes one in which he sings and dances "Mr. and Mrs." with guest-star Rosemary Clooney as his partner. Miss Clooney, of course, is Mrs. Jose Ferrer in private life.

Tony Martin and Cyd Charisse comprise the second married couple

the first quarter when Jack Phillips raced under the basket for a layup that put Bethel ahead. From that time on, the Blue Demons were in command and steadily widened their margin. The halftime score was 24-12 in favor of the host quintet.

Just as in the Canton game, the Mountaineers found their path to the basket continually blocked and had to shoot from the outer rim where, once again, they were unable to hit enough shots to keep up with their opponents.

Against the towering Blue Demons, the Gold and Black were constantly outbounded — particularly on the defensive boards where Worth Wells racked up 17 points on tip-ins.

Defensively, Bethel was even more impressive than Canton.

Joe Aldridge led the Mountaineers with seven points, while Tommy Nichols and Jimmy Harris each got five. Waynesville was unable to pass the 20 mark until the fourth quarter.

Behind Wells, who hit 17 for Bethel, was Toby Capps with 13 points.

Girls' lineup: Waynesville (38) Bethel (52)
F—B. Smith (9) (16) Edwards
F—Carver (14) (25) Poston
F—Roberson (15) (11) Revis
G—Hamilton (1) D. Pressley
G—Fitzgerald Wilsoin
G—Myers Pinkerton
Subs: Waynesville: E. Smith.
Bethel: Lowe, Messer, Mease.
Half time score: 23-14, Bethel.

Boys' lineup: Waynesville (29) Bethel (48)
F—Davis (8) Reece
F—Harris (5) (17) Wells
C—Aldridge (7) (13) Capps
G—Nichols (5) (3) Stamey
G—Jordan (4) (7) Phillips
Subs: Waynesville: Gardner,
Medford, Hooper 2, Sparks, Ezell,
Ballance 2. Bethel: Queen, Keely,
Warren, Hill, Hargrove.
Half time score: 24-12, Bethel.
Officials: Morgan and Sawyer.

Fines Creek Wins Twice At Crabtree

Fines Creek invaded Crabtree-Iron Duff Friday night and returned home with two hard-fought victories. The White Hornets topped the Crabtree Yellow-jackets, 65-62, after the Fillies had finished ahead of the Blue Eagles, 51-47.

Bobby Hunter paced Fines Creek's boys with 28 points while Gene Messer contributed another 21. Crawford hit 22 for Crabtree-Iron Duff and Hoglen and Walker each tallied 18.

Kathleen Justice was high for the Fillies with 25 points, while Joan Ferguson got 17 points. McCracken was high for the Blue Eagles with 21.

In two earlier meetings, Crabtree-Iron Duff won both games. The Fines Creek girls took the first and the second was a tie.

Girls' lineup: Fines Creek (51) Crabtree (47)
F—F. Ferguson (17) (4) Presnell
F—C. Ferguson (9) (5) Best
F—Justice (25) (11) Smith
G—M. Price (21) McCracken
G—Trantham Sutton
G—Rogers McElroy

Subs—Fines Creek: E. Ferguson, Price, Presnell, Rogers, Ledford, Davis; Crabtree: Sanford 6, McElroy, Hill, Crawford, Ferguson.

Half time score: Fines Creek

appearing in "Deep In My Heart," although their contributions to the musical are not made together. Miss Charisse dances with James Mitchell to Romberg's song hit, "One Alone," while in another sequence Martin and Joan Weldon sing "One Kiss" and "Lover Come Back to Me."

The film's two real-life brothers are Gene and Fred Kelly, making their first appearance together in the comedy number, "I Love to Go Swimm'n' with Wimmin'."

Other members of the dazzling cast of "Deep In My Heart" include Merle Oberon, Helen Traubel, Doe Avedon, Walter Pidgeon, Paul Henreid, Tamara Toumanova, Jane Powell, Vic Damone, Ann Miller, William Olvis and Howard Keel.



THE FIRST SHOT at the basket in the New Bethel gymnasium was taken by Shirley Poston, with shirt tail flying, at the opening of the girls game between Bethel and Waynesville last Thursday. Although this shot missed the mark, Miss Poston later dropped in 25 points to lead her Bethel Belle teammates to a victory over the previously unbeaten Mountainettes. Looking on at the right is Gail Revis, another Bethel forward. (Mountaineer Photo).

Tentative Plans Announced For CDP Basketball Loop

Plans for CDP basketball league play and a tournament to be held the middle of March were made Saturday at a meeting of CDP representatives and coaches at the courthouse.

It was disclosed at the meeting that seven communities have already organized CDP teams and others hope to form cage squads soon.

Saunook, Allens Creek, Thickety, Francis Cove, West Pigeon, and Upper Crabtree have both boys and girls teams, while Ratcliffe Cove has a boys squad.

Teams who wish to schedule

23-20.

Boys' lineup: Fines Creek (65) Crabtree (62)
F—Messer (21) (22) Crawford
F—Hunter (28) (18) E. Hoglen
C—J. Evans (9) (18) Walker
G—V. Evans (6) (4) Best
G—Ledford (1) McElroy
Subs—Fines Creek: Ferguson,
Crabtree: Smith, Hannah, Bradshaw, Clark, Hannah, Hoglen, Hill.
Half time score: Fines Creek, 29-25.
Officials: Rhodes and Nicholson, organized industrial leagues in the

Canton - Bethel Encore Friday Night Heads Haywood Cage Card This Week

Biggest game in Haywood County basketball circles this week will be the second meeting Friday night between Canton and Bethel, the county's No. 1 and No. 2 teams, respectively.

In their first clash at Canton, the Black Bears won over the Blue Demons, 54-46, and are still undefeated in county competition. Their three losses have been to Lee Edwards twice and Asheville School. Before meeting Bethel, the Bruins will journey to Mars Hill Tuesday night.

After walloping Waynesville Thursday night in the opening game in the new Bethel gymnasium, the Blue Demons will play host on Monday night to the strong Edneyville teams from Henderson County.

Waynesville, after three straight losses to three of Western North Carolina's strongest teams — Canton, Hendersonville and Bethel — faces less formidable opposition at Fines Creek Tuesday night and back home again on Friday night against the Brevard Blue Devils. Fines Creek, however, topped Crabtree-Iron Duff twice Friday night and may be tough on their home floor.

The Waynesville girls, who had the misfortune of having a bad night against their strongest opponents, the Bethel Belles, will attempt to start a new streak this week.

Clyde, which has now won two

1954-55 season will not be eligible for the CDP league or tournament.

4. Players must live in the community which they represent.

5. To be eligible for the CDP tournament, a team must play a minimum of three games and each player must participate in at least two games.

6. A team and player will receive credit for a game when the opponent fails to appear for a scheduled game.

7. Any team that breaks any of these rules will be dropped from the CDP tournament.

Expenses of games (for use of gym and to pay referees) will be derived from door receipts and any money left after expenses are paid will be divided equally among the teams represented.

The CDP tournament will start about March 14 or shortly thereafter.

Canton Wins Two From Biltmore

Unsuccessful against Buncombe County teams earlier in the season, the Canton Black Bears mauled the strong Biltmore quintet Friday night at Canton, 62-53, as DeWayne Milner hit 29 points for the Bruins.

Canton led by only one point at halftime, at 27-26, but extended the margin to 44-33 at the end of the third quarter and made it 51-33 before the Bulldogs put on a full-court press.

Gerald Milner got 21 points and David Anderson dumped in 12 for the Bears. Graham was the big gun for Biltmore with 16 markers.

The Canton Lady Bears made the evening perfect for the homeowners by buffeting Biltmore 53-43, with Jean Surratt bucketing 28 points. Jean Miller was high for Biltmore with 23.

The Lady Bears led at the half, 28-16.

Canton will journey to Mars Hill Tuesday night and then invade Bethel on Friday night.

Girls' lineup: Biltmore (43) Canton (53)
F—Miller (23) (28) Surratt
F—Buckner (4) (15) Phillips
F—Fox (12) (8) Jones
G—Simpson (2) Hensley
G—Earnhardt West
G—Carter Burnett
Subs: Biltmore: Wyatt, Henson, C. Jones, Owenby 2, D. Jones 2.
Canton: Presley, Fisher, Morgan, Willis, Allen, Carswell.
Half time score: Canton, 28-16.

Boys' lineup: Biltmore (53) Canton (62)
F—E. Ingle (9) (21) G. Milner
F—Henderson (4) Cannon
G—Graham (16) (12) Anderson
G—J. Ingle (10) Rhinehart
G—Mitchell (11) (29) D. Milner
Subs: Biltmore: Allen 3. Canton: West.
Half time score: Canton 27-26.

doubleheaders in a row, will go to Etoah Tuesday night and return home Friday night to entertain Crabtree-Iron Duff.

Crabtree will be idle the first part of this week.

Jack Maulsby, North Carolina's 222-pound tackle, is the star on the Tar Heel baseball team.

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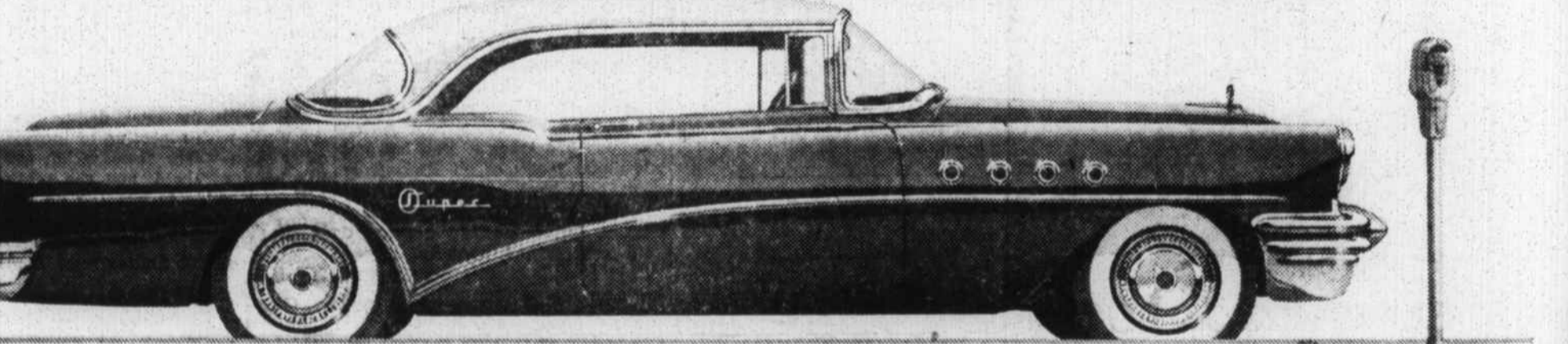
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